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Executive Secretary: Dr. Paul Miller, MDNR/MANTA

Members Present: \*Indicates that the Board member was present at this meeting.

Guests: Emery Cleaves, MGS; Marcia Smith, MDE; Cheryl Klohe, USGS; Charlie Poukish, MDE; Matt Rowe, MDE

## **MINUTES**

### **MWMC Quarterly Board Meeting**

### **USFWS Field Office**

### **April 22, 2003**

Chairman Stack welcomed new members (Mark Castro and Tom Devilbliss), Board members and guests. Bill stated that the Board and Committees need to develop action plans.

#### **Strategic Plan and Action**

Bob Shedlock discussed Board activities that will help MWMC reach its vision (developed at the strategic planning meetings. cf: handout "notes from Strategic Planning meeting 03-13-03" and "Role of the MWMC in Reaching the Vision.")

#### **Discussion on Activities Related to the Role of the MWMC in Reading the Vision**

STORET (Storage and retrieval on the Oracle platform) - EPA is pushing all states to participate. STORET also includes meta-data. The data are available from the EPA website. STORET may, eventually, be linked to other databases (e.g., CIMS).

Matt Rowe said that nearly half the states use STORET. States that use 106 funding may be required to contribute to STORET.

Marcia asked whether the Planning Committee still existed, Emery Cleaves and Bill Stack, felt that the planning committee was transformed into the Annual Conference Planning Committee.

Carl Weber urged the council to include members from the MDA and DHMH on the MWMC Board.

Bill Stack distributed "MWMC Annual Workplan for the Board of Directors." The work plan addresses issues not covered by committees and workgroups. The question is how can we involve people from other sectors in the MWMC activities? Bill asked for volunteers to develop ideas for how to increase involvement in the Council activities from several of the stakeholder sectors (academic, private sector, volunteers).

### **Academia**

Carl Weber and Chris Tanner will create a directory of what academics are doing and how they might be involved in the council activities.

### **Private Sector**

Nancy Roth volunteered to submit some ideas on how to involve the private sector in the activities of the Council.

### **Volunteers**

Bill contacted Tom Schuler because the Center for Watershed Protection is working with watershed associations and Tom Schuler would be a good person to have on the Board. Bill will ask for Paul Sturms' resume' preparatory to recommending that Paul be appointed to the Board.

### **Information**

Bill relayed the positive comments he has received about our web page and thanked Bob Conkwright for his attention to our web page design and maintenance needs.

### **NWQMC**

John Grace pointed out that state and local groups were left off the list. Ideas are being sought on how each sector will engage others within the sector in the activities of MWMC.

## **Annual Conference Planning Committee**

Environmental Restoration Monitoring was selected as the theme for the annual conference:

1. Ad Hoc Conference Planning Committee needs to be formed
2. Should we co-organize with Tributary Strategies? Bill will talk to Lauren Wenzel about our concerns if we co-organized and communicate other suggestions for themes.

Angela Morales volunteered to organize the poster section again this year and Brian Clevenger will work on logistics for the conference.

## **Groundwater Workgroup Update**

Cheryl Klohe of USGS described the purpose of the groundwater level monitoring workgroup. Her presentation is on the MWMC web page [www.mgs.md.gov/mwmc/](http://www.mgs.md.gov/mwmc/) Cheryl Klohe, also, presented a poster, related to MWMC which she put together for a 5-year program review at USGS.

## **Data Management Committee (DMC)**

Matt Rowe, George Harman and the DMC put together a work plan on 18 April 03.

They are:

1. Expanding membership
2. Establishing a meta data base
3. Promoting access to data through STORET
4. Host a session at annual conference
5. Plan a workshop for 2004
6. Conducting education and out reach for public, accessible data system
7. Holding regular meetings, possibly monthly

## **Programmatic Coordination Committee**

Next meeting of the PCC will be on May 2, 2003. Meo Curtis is now the co-chair with Steve Stewart and has drafted goals for the Committee. The current focus of the PCC is on developing monitoring protocols for stream restoration.

Possible new topics that will be undertaken by the PCC include:

- S revisit monitoring survey
- S study effectiveness on NPDES storm water sampling manual
- S web based clearing house for monitoring projects

S       comprehensive statement

Chairman Stack adjourned the meeting at 2:00pm.